

Dwyer was responsible for the delivery of the USS *Ronald Reagan* (CVN 76), the complex nuclear refueling overhaul on USS *Dwight D. Eisenhower* (CVN 69) and the development of the "6 plus 2" aircraft carrier surge plan now considered the centerpiece and backbone of the U.S. Navy's Strike Warfare Operations Plan.

As Life Cycle Manager for the entire Carrier Fleet, Rear Admiral Dwyer significantly increased the material readiness of the Force. In 2003, as a result of this increased posture, the United States was able to surge eight aircraft carriers, on short notice, to conduct combat operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In 2004, the Fleet was again able to simultaneously surge seven aircraft carriers world-wide for Exercise Summer Pulse, once again demonstrating the Navy's ability to execute the new Fleet Response Plan engagement strategy. This high state of combat readiness would not have been possible without Rear Admiral Dwyer's improvisation of a brilliant Class Action Maintenance Plan.

However, his most enduring legacy will certainly be the strategic vision and hands-on leadership he provided throughout the concept and detailed design process of the CVN-21 Class of Future Aircraft Carriers. This new class of ships was developed utilizing revolutionary aircraft carrier designs and advanced computer modeling techniques. He relentlessly drove future technologies forward, established and led the largest government and industry ship design team ever assembled, and created a world class modeling environment that significantly reduced design costs throughout the life cycle of this next generation of Aircraft Carriers.

Mr. Speaker, I am extremely proud to offer my personal gratitude to Admiral Dwyer and his wife Eva for their honorable and faithful service to our Nation, and I urge my fellow Colleagues to wish them continued success and the traditional Naval blessing of "Fair Winds and Following Seas" as he closes out a very distinguished military career.

IN LASTING MEMORY OF JOHN W.  
PARKERSON

**HON. MIKE ROSS**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 12, 2005*

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life and legacy of John W. Parkerson, who passed away at the age of 59 in Hot Springs, Arkansas on April 21, 2005. John was born on October 18, 1945 in Paragould, Arkansas, in the hills of Greene County. John distinguished himself as a husband, father, grandfather, lawyer, and legislator.

A graduate of Hot Springs High School, John considered Hot Springs home and was driven by the ideal of improving the lives of the citizens of Garland County. After graduating from Hendrix College, John attended the University of Arkansas Law School and graduated in 1971. John was extremely active in the Hot Springs community, including the Arkansas Bar Association, the Arkansas Game and Fish Foundation Board, Abilities Unlimited, and the Hot Springs Rotary Club. Additionally, he became the first Garland

County Small Claims Court Judge and was a member of the Garland County Community College Board of Trustees.

John spent 12 years in the Arkansas Legislature and once ran for the United States House of Representatives, commenting the best part of politics was the people it gave you the opportunity to meet. John led a life of public service and dedication in every endeavor he undertook and will always be remembered for his tremendous devotion to Arkansas.

John truly led an exemplary life. My deepest sympathies go out to his wife Sanda, his son Christopher Parkerson and daughter-in-law Kim, and son Ben Parkerson, and his grandchildren.

ON THE PASSING OF CLIFFORD W.  
BARNHART

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 12, 2005*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to recognize the passing of Clifford W. Barnhart. Mr. Barnhart had a tremendous impact in my district over his tenure as editor of the Pensacola News Journal and as an appointed Escambia County Commissioner.

A native of New Alexandria, PA who began his career in Pittsburgh, he was already a seasoned newspaper man when he arrived in Pensacola. Not only was he respected for his business acumen, but he was also admired for his service to community, whether in the form of supporting local sporting events for youngsters or making sure that readers were always well informed. When Hurricane Frederic, a dangerous Category 3 storm hit the Gulf Coast in 1979, Mr. Barnhart managed to get the paper on the street the very next morning.

When Governor Jeb Bush needed to replace four elected county commissioners who had been removed from office because of scandal, Mr. Barnhart was one of the people that he knew could be trusted to restore integrity to the position. Even though he had been retired from the Pensacola News Journal for 18 years, Mr. Barnhart gladly stepped forward to serve his community.

My prayers go out to Clifford's wife Zee, his son Scott Barnhart, his daughters Bonnie Mae Barnhart and Sue Glenn, and all others who mourn the loss of this great man. He loved his family as they loved him, and his loss will have a vast impact on so many.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is with no small amount of sorrow that I tell of the passing of Clifford Barnhart from this world, and his family is in my thoughts and prayers.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 12, 2005*

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on the legislative day of June 16, 2005 the House voted on an amendment to H.R. 2862, the Fiscal 2006 Commerce-Justice-Science Appro-

priations Act. On House rollcall vote #261, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 12, 2005*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, July 11, 2005 I was unable to vote on a motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 168, Condemning the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for the abductions and continued captivity of citizens of the Republic of Korea and Japan as acts of terrorism and gross violations of human rights (rollcall 363); and H. Res. 333, Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Weekend of Prayer and Reflection for Darfur, Sudan (rollcall 364). Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on both measures.

IN LASTING MEMORY OF DANIEL  
R. KINLEY

**HON. MIKE ROSS**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 12, 2005*

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Daniel R. Kinley who passed away at the age of 46 on June 12, 2005, in Chicot County, Arkansas. Danny was born on March 14, 1959, in Wichita, Kansas. Danny distinguished himself as a terrific father, loving husband, and community hero.

Danny, a member of Parkview Baptist Church, was a firefighter for the El Dorado Fire Department for 11 years, eventually earning the distinguished rank of Captain. Day after day, Danny risked his life in the pursuit of saving others. There is no greater civil service, no job more commendable than that of a firefighter.

I extend my deepest sympathies to Danny's family. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife Leslie; their son Braxton; their daughters Heather and Devan; mother and stepfather Maureen and Fred Buchanan; his brother Bryan Taylor of Little Rock; and his two sisters Karen and Tanya.

INTRODUCTION OF THE HEALTHY  
SCHOOL BUS ACT

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 12, 2005*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I am pleased to be joined by several of my colleagues in introducing the Healthy School Bus Act, which calls attention to a serious but overlooked health threat that our children face every day that they ride to school in a bus.

Congress passed the Clean Air Act and subsequent amendments because we recognized the tremendous health risks of breathing polluted air. Children are particularly at risk because their lungs are still developing and